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Dear US DOJ,

I feel that Microsoft's proposed solutions are just a slap in the face of real justice. The Settlements that they have been giving are no more than a mockery of everything that justice stands for. When the DOJ went after IBM and maBell it didn't who this we have to be nice to you junk. The only solution that I see that would be fair to the rest of the world namingly the software developers is to force them into going open source. That is the only true way to bring justice to the software tyrant.

I may seem a little angry with Microsoft because I am. I have lost many hours of sleep and even some important homework because of thier unfair business practices of making other poeple's software no-functional. This may only be a small puddle in the mess they have made out of the business world from downtime and lost profits as well as lost productivity in tech support. Have you seen Mac OS X or Linux and other Unix variants downtime is almost a thing of the past. I have been running Mac OS X and Linux the only downtime I have had was when I had to reboot after an upgrade. This is an acceptable downtime. On my PC running Windows 98 I have downtime almost immediatly after I boot up. Blue Screens are a common occurence. This would not be a problem if it wasn't for the programs that the school I go to teaches only microsoft products because they are the forced standard. There is no reason for the type of problems that I see constantly in all the programs that Microsoft has realsed.

Sorry enough about that little bit of background information but the type of problems that I see as a norm is a bad thing that kills this nations effectiveness in the growing business world.

To sum everything up the only solution to fixing Microsoft's harmful business practices is to either force open-source or to null the company all together.

To back up the nulling the company look at all of the standards that they have tried to force onto the computer world. For example the WMA format and the all of a sudden lack of support for MP3's in Windows XP. Microsoft act like the lack of MP3 support as a way to help the record industry stop pirating music. With

the evil recording industries trying to make it impossible for little guys like me run copies of CD's in things like my car so I can keep the original in good shape.

How about the active X form of JAVA that Microsoft has been trying to make as a standard. Which cause problems when other non active X supported web browsers and this to me seems like a form of browser prejudice. Like the little browsers like opera a really good freeware browser that doesn't run active X because it is not the true standard of the web.

Now in finally "this time I am not kidding" The only solution to ending thier riegnd of poor coding and badly written software I feel open-source is the best solution.

Young voter,

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P.S. "At the end of the worlds what was the cost it was clear that the earth was the one who lost."

Beastie Boys, "Liscenced to Ill", "The Update"

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